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SUBJECT: SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REACTION TO ISRAELI ACTION IN UGANDA

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1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON HAS
RELEASED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S
RELIEF AT THE RESCUE OF THE HOSTAGES FROM ENTEBBE
AIRPORT. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

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2. "THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS WITH GREAT RELIEF RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT ALMOST ALL THOSE WHO WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE - AMONG THEM THE SWEDISH CITIZEN ANN-CARINA FRANKING - HAVE ESCAPED UNHARMED FROM THE HIJACKING DRAMA IN UGANDA. AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS DEEP SYMPATHY WITH THE PERSONS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHO HAVE LOST A CLOSE RELATIVE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND OTHER TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IT IS ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE THAT IRRESPONSIBLE AND CRIMINAL GROUPS ATTACK PRIVATE CITIZENS THIS WAY. THIS HIJACKING DRAMA CAUSES THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO SHARPLY REPEAT THIS VIEWPOINT. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE TAKE A STAND ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASPECTS OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED. THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS ON THIS AT THE EXPECTED DEBATE IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL."

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